

Spratt	Thurman	Watt (NC)
Stearns	Tiahrt	Watts (OK)
Stenholm	Torkildsen	Waxman
Stockman	Torres	Weldon (FL)
Stokes	Torricelli	Weller
Studds	Towns	White
Stump	Trafigant	Whitfield
Stupak	Upton	Wicker
Talent	Velazquez	Wise
Tanner	Vento	Wolf
Tate	Visclosky	Woolsey
Tauzin	Volkmer	Wyden
Taylor (MS)	Vucanovich	Wynn
Taylor (NC)	Waldholtz	Young (AK)
Tejeda	Walker	Young (FL)
Thomas	Walsh	Zeliff
Thompson	Wamp	Zimmer
Thornberry	Ward	
Thornton	Waters	

NAYS—1

Obey

NOT VOTING—21

Beilenson	Gibbons	Rose
Chapman	Gilchrest	Skaggs
Conyers	Gutierrez	Stark
Edwards	Hall (OH)	Weldon (PA)
Filner	Lantos	Williams
Flake	Myers	Wilson
Foglietta	Payne (VA)	Yates

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So the joint resolution was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE OPEN FOR ALL CITIZENS

(Mr. OBEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I simply take this time to explain for the RECORD why I have cast the only vote against the proposition the House just voted on. I did not vote no because I was opposed to the proposition; as I said during debate, no one was opposed to the proposition. But House rules dictate if I were to be in a position to offer a motion to recommit that I needed to vote "no" on final passage.

I did so because I felt strongly that we should not only open the government for the services provided in the resolution, but should also open the Government for the purpose of other services that could be provided by the veterans department, and all other government employees as well.

The motion that I offered included all of the language of the original resolution, plus the additional language that would have opened up other functions of the veterans department, providing those services as well, and opened up all other agencies of the government which remained closed.

So for procedural reasons, to protect my right to offer that language which included all of the language provided in the original resolution, I was required by the House rules to vote "no."

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER PRIVILEGED RESOLUTION PRO- VIDING DEFICIT REDUCTION AND ACHIEVE A BALANCED BUDGET BY FISCAL YEAR 2002

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I have a privileged resolution at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is the gentleman from Mississippi making a notice?

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. I have a privileged resolution at the desk. As you know, the Chair can either bring this up immediately—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would advise the gentleman from Mississippi that there is no privileged resolution at the desk.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Pennsylvania will state his inquiry.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, the inquiry that the gentleman from Pennsylvania has is, has his privileged motion been properly noticed?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair believes that the gentleman is trying to properly notice his resolution as privileged.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. TAYLOR].

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I am informing the Chair of my intention to serve a privileged resolution before this body, and as the Chair knows, under the Rules of the House, the Chair may bring this up immediately or may ask for a 2-legislative-day delay on this matter.

Since the matter involves the highest privilege of the Members collectively, and that is the privilege of doing our constitutionally mandated responsibility of providing for the budget in the appropriations of this country, I would ask for its immediate consideration.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, we have no budget before this country, and 300,000 good people are wondering whether or not they are going to get paid.

We have a job to do. We are 81 days late in fulfilling our legal responsibility of providing for a budget for this country. The budget that was passed has been vetoed by the President. There are not sufficient votes to get the two-thirds majority to override the President, and it is my intention to submit, as a result of that, privileged resolution H.R. 2530, commonly referred to as the coalition budget, in an effort to break this impasse.

I would like to point out that under rule IV of the Rules of the House of Representatives, Questions of Privilege, clause 1 states questions of privilege shall be, first, those affecting the rights of the House collectively. Article I, section 9, clause 7 reads, and I am quoting, "No money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in consequence of an appropriation made by law."

Obviously, we cannot solve this budget impasse until we have passed and

the President has approved a budget. Today marks the 81st day that this Congress has been delinquent in fulfilling our statutory responsibility of enacting a budget into law; and again, one has passed, but short of the two-thirds majority needed to override the presidential veto.

Mr. Speaker, by failing to enact a budget into law, this body has failed to fulfill our most basic constitutionally mandated duties. This Congress has failed to appropriate the necessary funds to fulfill the vital functions of our Nation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Mississippi suspend?

The Chair would advise the gentleman, the gentleman needs to make notice to the House of his resolution. The Chair would ask the gentleman to state his notice.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I am doing so in telling my fellow Members.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Could the gentleman from Mississippi read the title of his resolution in order to give notice to the House?

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Sir, as of today, I am introducing the coalition budget, H.R. 2530, to provide for deficit reduction and achieve a balanced budget by fiscal year 2002, as a privileged resolution and request its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time or place designated by the Speaker in the legislative schedule within 2 legislative days of its being properly noticed. That designation will be announced at a later time.

In the meantime, the form of the resolution proffered by the gentleman from Mississippi will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair is not at this point making a determination as to whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at a time designated for consideration of the resolution.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Will the Speaker recognize me for a unanimous-consent request?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would advise the gentleman that the title will appear in the RECORD.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. The Chair has fulfilled my request.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. BROWDER. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. BROWDER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. TAYLOR] has filed a motion, and I understand that the Chair has ruled that this will be dealt with by the Speaker in the next 2 days.